




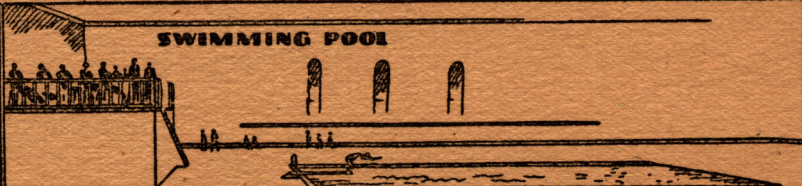


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AFTER Germany had skied the towel, we committed ourselves to the statement that the second phase, against the Japanese, would prove a long and painful process. That was to underscore the necessity to carry on in this club the service which had not been excelled anywhere among similar institutions. The response was gratifying.

Happily, the second phase phutted out sooner than had been calculated. But, events have revealed that, but for the intervention of the atomic bomb, Japanese capitulation could not have been reckoned definitely in terms of time. Even allowing for steady strangulation, the Japs were prepared to shoot it out, until overwhelmed by a catastrophic stroke—an earthquake and a conflagration in one.

All this by way of justifying our policy never to relax; never to be turned aside from reality. What now?

Peace has brought grave problems to a world in ruins. Although unscathed physically, Australia will feel the impact of the misery of countries not so fortunate. This will have economic repercussions eventually, if not more or less immediately. Calls upon our goodness will be made in the task of rehabilitation. We should respond, as previously, and so enrich the record of national service which has won for Tattersall's Club recognition at home and abroad—recognition with honour.

The Club Man's Diary

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5th F. P. Robinson	17th Hon. T. D.
6th E. W. Bell	Mutch
S. V. Toose	21st E. R. Deveridge
7th P. F. Miller	22nd D. S. Orton
9th S. S. Crick	27th A. J. Moverley
	31st Capt. C. Bartlett

Congratulations to club member Roy Morris, managing director of Richard Stanton & Sons Pty. Ltd., on his appointment as N.S.W. President of the Commonwealth Institute of Valuers. Roy is also a member of the Federal Land Valuation Board, and one of the honorary advisers to the Federal Treasurer on the War Damage Commission and Real Estate dealings under Land Sales Control.

Sleepy Fox has been declared "an ugly horse." What of it? Randwick is not a show ring. The prizes are to the speedy. Moreover, there is no reason why ugly horses should be discounted any more than ugly men. Glamour is an asset in the artificial world. Good looks seldom go the distance.

A club member said that, as the Japanese came out of the jungle one thousand years later than any other race, monkey tricks were natural to them at this stage. These were to be observed behind their bowing and smirking, the member said, and he hoped that they would not be able to parade them as a means of softening application of the peace terms.

This does not appear likely, as their savage war record is unfolded. Not only the ruling caste, but the Japanese people as a whole must be made to repay in the lines from "The Mikado": "We'll make the punishment fit the crime." It is

either that, or another war within the next generation.

The daily Press has been lamenting in its correspondence columns—and not without reason—the decline in manners and the roughness of address. Courtesy and consideration do not pay dividends to-day, it is claimed. Seldom have courtesy and consideration done so, but the returns are said to be lower now.

Perhaps the tension of war has been mostly to blame. Good manners never thrive in a period of moral laxity. But I think that the cause goes deeper. Crudity is often considered to be a sign of individual toughness, the ability to overcome forces in life that would otherwise demean or defeat us. This, of course, is boggled thinking, a new-fangled notion among people who are restive under the niceties of the social order; the old social order. To reprimand these people is to waste time. The correctives will be applied in due course as the world swings back to sanity.

At a football match I heard someone say, with a touch of grim humour: "Now that the war is over, what is left for us to grumble about?" Really, in Australia we have had very little to grumble about; but many people have grumbled. About what? Coupons, queues for cigarettes, high taxation, price control, shortages.

How well off we have been has always been apparent; and the time may come when we may sigh for "the good old days" of snug security as peace brings its insecurities in the economic readjustment. "Equality of sacrifice" is about to take a new turn that will test the stability of the home front this time.

Probably this may be read as a good deal of moralising, but the time has come to dissipate illusions by hard statements of fact. If we refuse to face up to fact, then we shall find ourselves face downward to results—and that may be harder.

While the Australian cricket team was not so good as England's

best—as the Australian captain, Hallett, reminded us—the unofficial Test matches provided fine exhibitions of the game of cricket as it should be played. If that spirit can be retained the matches will have served a great purpose—greater than the results.

No game may be honestly classed as a game if and when it leaves the players—and their respective bar-rackers—estranged. And that happened in the past; so much so that Test matches between Australia and England became a diplomatic issue.

I always count as the best part of my school education the assimilation of the tradition that taught me how to lose. If ever I departed from that tradition it was not the fault of my teachers. The same rule of conduct is being applied to-day among the young ones; and it is for us grown-ups to aid its advancement by force of personal example. Among the noblest words of our language is the motto: "Play the game."

Listening to the broadcast of the American, Admiral Nimitz, on the occasion of the signing of the treaty of peace with Japan, I heard him say that team work had won the war for the United Nations. He didn't mention any heroes in particular, because there were so many heroes, and his words contrasted strangely with week-end reports of football matches.

Tattersall's Club contributed so much that was practical to war effort through team work. Nobody claimed heroic distinction. It was just plain duty; the spirit that moved men in the mass to a just appreciation of values.

The comradeship in arms, so splendidly demonstrated among Britain, her Dominions and America, should be carried into peace. No better means could be provided than by games. In these contests the mistakes of the Olympic Games might be avoided, and sport enter upon a new dawning.

That semi-professionalism, which disgraced Olympic Games every bit

as much as racial enmities should not be suffered in the future. National prestige should not be considered to rest on an Olympic record. As a British sportsman said at the end of Games at which there were many violent outbursts: "We have taught some of these people how to play games. We should now teach them how to lose."

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At Rooty Hill somebody said that the National Coursing Association would strive to regain for that historic ground the social atmosphere that had made pleasant the sport in other years—when people made a picnic of the occasion, and gave parties under the trees. There was a time, too, when races were social occasions; but the crush and the rush seem to have stamped out the opportunity, if the desire remains, which is doubtful. Rooty Hill, however, is a different proposition.

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A love letter by "Beachcomber" in the "Sunday Telegraph":—

My Dear Miss Brevis, or may I call you Vita? It is no use my pretending that I am indifferent to you. Once in a lifetime true love comes to every man. I will not pretend that you are the first woman in my life. That would be to invite from all quarters a list as long as my arm. But this is different. The fact that you are a wealthy heiress merely makes me happy for your sake. Even if you hadn't a penny, I should still wish you were rich since such beauty

as yours deserves a luxurious setting, and I myself have never cared enough about money to amass much of it. My needs are simple. Just you, your country house, and the life you have been accustomed to.

Your devoted slave,
de Courcy Foulenough.

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A sense of personal loss was borne in among club members by the death in a prisoner-of-war camp in Borneo of Harry Brett's son, Private Noel Brett. He is one of the many, unfortunately—all precious young lives given up gallantly. Let us remember.

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While Alf Knight ("Musket") lived, Carbine was never without a barracker as the greatest Australian racehorse of all time—"not excluding Phar Lap," Alf used to say by way of emphasis. There was no better informed writer in his realm.

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Allan Morrisby, trainer of Beau Monde and Sir Neith, hails from Brisbane, where his father was a trainer. The family planned a commercial career for Allan, and he settled down into a clerical job until he was 21. Having reached manhood's estate, he answered the impulse that was always stirring within him and followed in his father's footsteps. "It was tough going for a while, but I was happier, and that was the main consideration," Allan said.

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I have taken Counsel—Peter as a Caulfield Cup-Melbourne Cup double. This is to warn bookmakers not to take undue risks, and to exhort sporting writers to be careful with their tips.

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Recently at Jamaica (New York) two two-year-olds in the same ownership ran in the same race, and so much alike are they that their identity was confused.

The two colts—Easy Spell and Grandpa Max—are both by Easy Mon, and the trainer admitted that the only way he could identify them is that Easy Spell has a white spot on a hind leg. By mistake Easy Spell ran as Grandpa Max and won. Not only did the Tote pay out over the wrong animal, but the winner was sold as Grandpa Max.

The stewards of the Jamaica Jockey Club, after hearing the

breeder's evidence and that of owner and trainer, decided that an innocent and excusable mistake had been made and inflicted no penalty other than giving the stake to the second horse.

The whole circumstances surrounding this American muddle are almost identical with the historic case in which Mr. R. W. Colling, the veteran Newmarket trainer, figured in his early days as a jockey.

The trouble arose when Capt. Machell bought privately from Robert Harrison's Aislabie Stud, near Ripon, two yearlings—d'Orsay and Mortaigne.

Somehow there was a mistake as to identity, and Colling won races at Beverley, Hull and Haydock Park on the animal running as d'Orsay. Some time later, when visiting Newmarket, Mr. R. Harrison recognised Mortaigne in Jewitt's string, but was told it was d'Orsay.

The deciding factor was a scar on a leg, and Harrison told Capt. Machell that in fact Mortaigne was the one the owner believed to be d'Orsay.

The facts were placed before the Jockey Club by Capt. Machell, and the Stewards allowed the names to be changed without disqualifying Mortaigne for the races he had won when running as d'Orsay.

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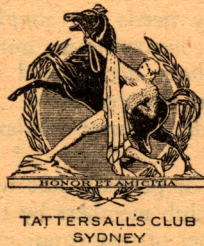
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NEWS

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There will be no appearance money, but jolly good fellows will be there to offer you opportunities to win, lose or draw in true Carnival Spirit. And it shouldn't need much effort for you to be politely persuasive in your endeavours to get all the ladies along to help benefit the " Big Four " chosen for this special occasion.

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Yours sincerely,

T. T. MANNING,

Secretary.

*The moving finger writes :
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Hour of destiny—7.30 p.m.*

BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER

Billiards Gaining in Popularity — Synthetic Rubber Cushions in Future — John Roberts Could Make Much Money — Official Rulings.

Billiard lovers will learn with satisfaction that official files of the Billiards and Control Council (Eng.) show very clearly an uplift in popularity for the three-ball game as against snooker.

For several years it has been the other way round, but championship tournaments now under way in various parts of England have attracted nearly double the number of entrants in the billiard section over snooker. Surprising!

Champion Willie Smith stirred up some strife a little time back when he deplored the downward trend which, he claimed, was taking place among billiard players. An official census completely wiped the contention.

Last month a Walter Lindrum billiard diagram was reproduced, showing one of the many traps into which amateur cueists fall.

This issue a Joe Davis hint is given, and, as might be expected, it is for snooker players.

As will be seen, there are three balls left on the table with the pink and black hanging over pockets. Potting the blue is the sole worry of the striker, and the position of that ball, as shown, looks anything but easy.

As against that, Davis considers the position a "sitter," even for novices. He says it is merely a matter of players learning "key" shots in the game.

The method of playing is to stun the cue ball on to the blue and double it off two cushions into the centre pocket along the dotted line.

The stun will cause the cue ball to "stick fat," and the rest is easy.

Execution of the stroke is so simple, and the diagram so explanatory that further detail would be superfluous.

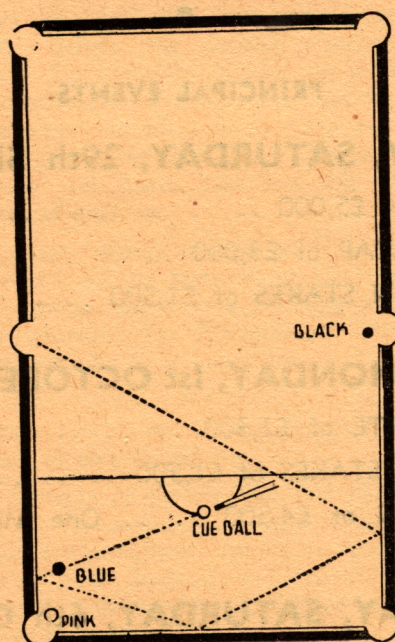
Synthetic Rubber Probable.

Latest news is that the English Board of Trade has sanctioned the making of synthetic rubber cushions.

The idea was originated by Mr. Coxon, of Burroughs and Watts Ltd.

The cushions are moulded, and it is claimed will compare very favourably with the real rubber article.

As yet, no indication has been given as to cost, but it is anticipated it will be somewhere near the pre-war price.



In a few months it is expected ample supplies will be available, and no doubt Australia will get its quota.

John Roberts' Scheme.

The late John Roberts, to whom credit must be given for having lifted the standard of billiards to undreamed-of heights and actually designed the style of play now in vogue, was famed for his ability to make money. He is reputed to have earned £250,000 from billiards by way of playing and disposing accessories in personal form.

The story is told of his first visit to America, where the tables used were much smaller than the English type.

He took with him a big iron, and when he applied it to the cloth it caused great amusement.

Spectators and those interested in the marketing of billiards noted how it flattened the nap and also gave the table a much greater finish in appearance, and in quick time orders started to roll in for irons in large quantities, and John's bank balance soared in unison.

Official Rulings.

Here are a couple of official snooker rulings just to hand. Actually, they are interpretations.

1. A red ball hung over one of the pockets. The next player went to take his shot, but before he could do so the ball dropped into the pocket. There was quite an interval of time between the finish of the last player's stroke and the second striker going to the table.

THE RULE: A ball which has stopped on the edge of a pocket shall, if it falls in through vibration, be replaced; if it balances momentarily on the edge and falls in, it must not be replaced. If it drops in while the striker is playing, the ball shall be replaced and the stroke played again.

2. A MISS WITH OPENING STROKE: If the player making the opening stroke misses the pyramid it is a minimum penalty of four points, and he does NOT play the stroke again.

That answers one of the hardy old annuals.

Next month this page will give readers some of champion Joe Davis' ideas on general faults among amateurs. He is probably the best potter of all time, and his opinions are always clear-cut and easily understood.

AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB SPRING MEETING

(RANDWICK RACECOURSE)

September 29th, October 1st and 6th

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PRINCIPAL EVENTS.

FIRST DAY, SATURDAY, 29th SEPTEMBER :

THE A.J.C. DERBY of £5,000 One Mile and a Half
THE EPSOM HANDICAP of £3,000 One Mile
THE COLIN STEPHEN STAKES of £1,500 . . . One Mile and a Half

SECOND DAY, MONDAY, 1st OCTOBER (Six-Hour Day)

THE BREEDERS' PLATE of £1,300 Five Furlongs
THE GEORGE MAIN STAKES of £1,500 One Mile
THE METROPOLITAN of £4,500 . . . One Mile and Five Furlongs

THIRD DAY, SATURDAY, 6th OCTOBER :

THE CRAVEN PLATE of £1,500 One Mile and a Quarter

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GEO T. ROWE,
Secretary.

Chelmsford Stakes to Sleepy Fox

Another Winner from New Zealand

Sleepy Fox has proved just another New Zealand invader and has maintained the Dominion tradition.

He has taken this year's Chelmsford Stakes in an easy stride, just one more N.Z. success in Tattersall's Club's famous race at Randwick.

So many good gallopers from the Dominion have exploited this race successfully that the Club should consider, an alias, the Kia Ora Stakes.

Or Haeremai — which, in the Maori, means welcome.

Not much luck, but sheer ability, has stood to all of these winners, and Sleepy Fox has carried on the tradition. No horse, gelding, or mare could have done his or her, job more smoothly. As we watched his smooth style, with the certainty of winning, we almost felt sorry for our fellow and bookmaking members. Sleepy Fox always was favourite.

Main feature of the record of the Chelmsford is that it has been won by some of the finest gallopers of all time in Australia, or from New Zealand.

Just cast an eye through this list, which goes back only as far as Gloaming in 1918 and proceeds by way of Limerick's three consecutive wins in 1926, 1927 and 1928, to Phar Lap in 1930.

Add to these Rapine, Ammon Ra, Gaine Carrington, Mala, Royal Chief, Defaulter, Beau Vite and Beaulivre, and now Sleepy Fox joins the band.

This does not exhaust the list of New Zealanders, but probably shows their best.

Nor are the Australian horses entirely in the shade with Heroic, Windbag and Rogilla twice in recent times.

Essentially, however, the race has been a New Zealand reservation, except in the darkest war years when the locals had it to themselves.

Tattersall's Club has been able to stage some greatly discussed races in its record of the Chelmsford Stakes, and this year's event was well up the list. Before the decision opinions were fairly evenly divided between the advocates of Sleepy Fox and the three-year-old Magnificent. The records now show that Sleepy Fox won easily and Russia also was able to beat Magnificent.

Racing would not go on if races worked out by mathematics or rule of thumb, and excuses probably will be provided for Magnificent, who undoubtedly is a good colt.

He will have his chance to race again and show whether he is top class or only nearly tops.

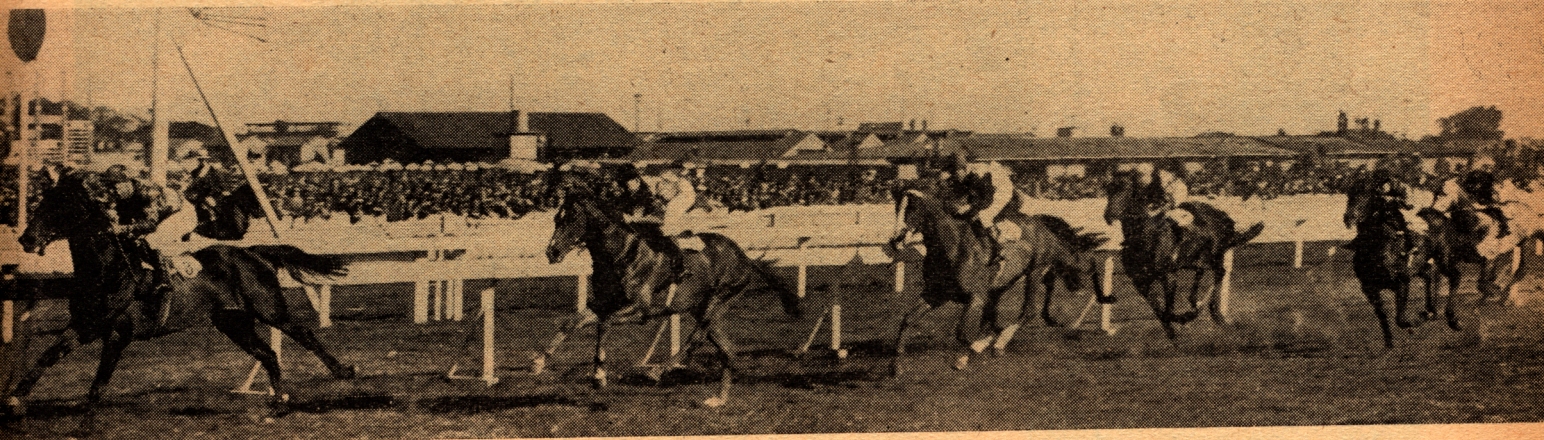
Owners of Sleepy Fox, the Hon. E. R. Davis and Mr. Oliver Nicholson, are prominent citizens of Auckland, New Zealand, well-known to many Club members. Neither was present at Randwick.

Trainer B. R. Payten, who has had 100 per cent. of success so far in Australia with Sleepy Fox, was the most successful of his profession on Chelmsford day. His other successful charge, Silver Link, ran what many considered to be a sound Metropolitan trial in the Spring Handicap. At least, owing to circumstances he ran over much more ground than a mile and three furlongs and still won. He had to battle hard instead of loping along to victory like Sleepy Fox, but his job was well done.

With four wins in as many attempts, Payten is in a satisfactory position with this pair.

Shannon provided his owner and trainer (and Club member) Peter Riddle with another dose of winning tonic in the Tramway Handicap. Not so long ago Shannon's master was viewing the racing game from a hospital bed, but now he has the winning polish on Shannon personally applied. Some of the critics do not think so much of Shannon as a glamour horse, but he is class with courage and the gift of galloping. Quite a few of the practical horsemen would have taken a risk with Shannon long before he began winning his Campbelltown and Tramway Handicaps.

As Shannon was superior to Flight in a fairly hard tussle, his



FINISH OF THE CHELMSFORD STAKES, 8th SEPTEMBER, 1945.

1st: SLEEPY FOX (D. Munro), 9.8. 2nd: RUSSIA (J. Thompson), 9.4. 3rd: MAGNIFICENT (F. Delaney), 8.2. Won by two lengths, one and a half lengths between second and third. TIME, 1.52½.

Epsom supporters again congratulated themselves on their good picking. Possibly they should have spared a modicum for jockey D. Munro, who stole a march on Flight before the field entered the straight, and made the race a certainty.

Then some of the backers of Silent thought that they were unfortunate, and trainer James Munro should have provided the winner instead of brother Darby as Shannon's jockey.

Anyway probably they will all be able to fight it out again on Epsom Day, but my guess is that the Tramway Handicap again will be a correct Epsom guide.

Trainer Dan Lewis was not terribly disappointed that Victory Lad did not finish closer than fourth. Victory Lad will be among the winners soon. There could be no more appropriate name.

Swan River's owner, Mr. Dick Cobden, was delighted with the performance of his four-year-old, who finished sixth and galloping on. Swan River, like Shannon, is by Midstream, a sire somewhat belatedly coming into his own.

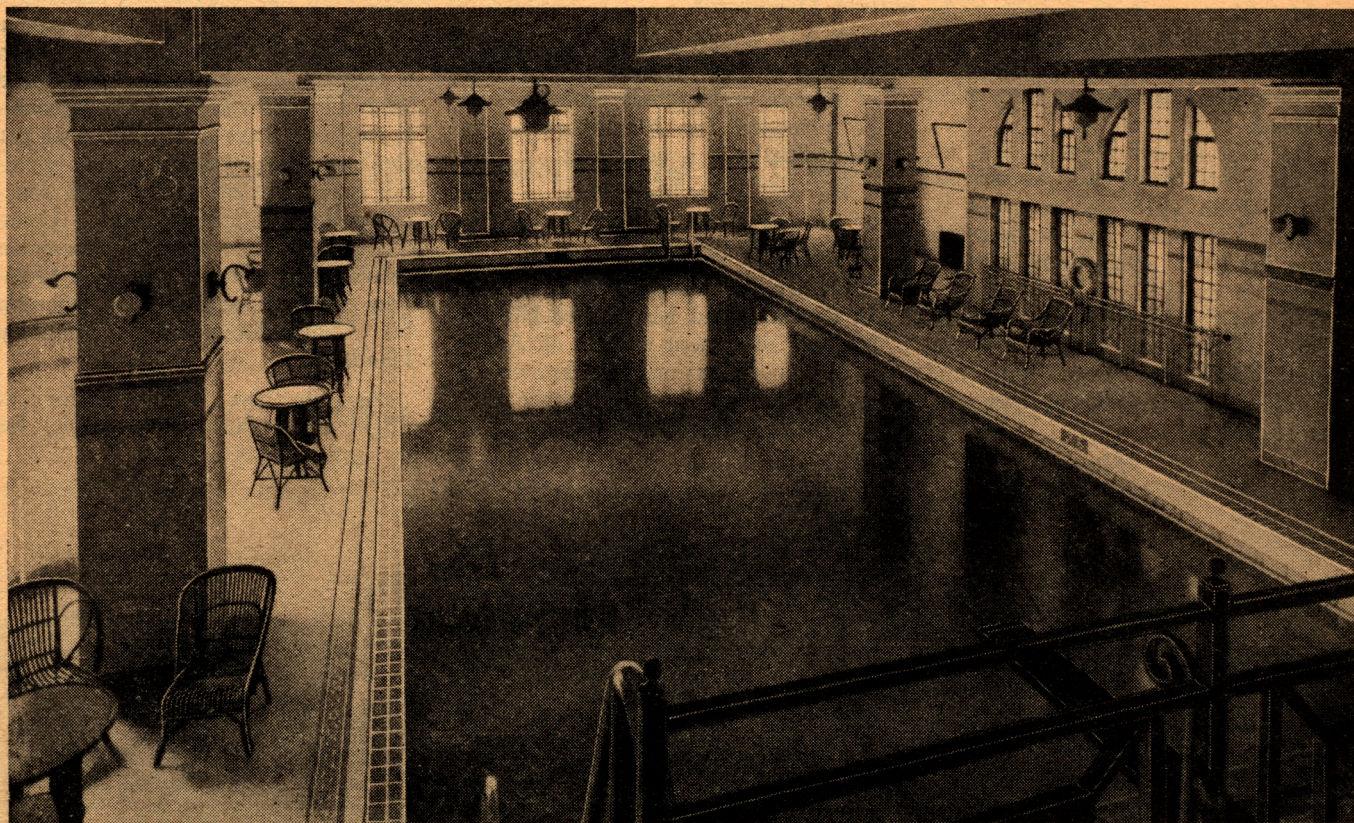
Young Veilmond might not provide headline news for Mr. Ezra Norton, but his win in the Three and Four-year-old Handicap was attractive. At least he is racing on for trainer M. McCarten, and is a credit to his sire, Veilmond, and his half-brother, that tough old sprinter, Trimmer.

Eagle Hawk, who won one of the Maiden Handicap divisions, should rise superior to this branch of the racing business and quickly fly at higher game. He looked superior and proved it.

Asset, the winner of the other division, proved only a liability for punters, but was the only winner of seven who was not generally profitable.

Once again the claim that good horses draw a crowd was proven completely sound for 45,000 racegoers filled the enclosures comfortably, and bet to such good purpose that £171,818 went through the totalisators.

All in all there was a flash back to the good old days before the whole world was turned upside down. Although only a sprinkling, there were visitors from other States and from New Zealand. The Club might have had gayer meetings on a Randwick not war-worn or war-shabby, but there was sufficient evidence to show that the Club was playing its part fully along the road back to normalcy.



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Sport News from Round the World

Richest Kentucky Derby on Record.

Hoop Junior, a bay colt by Sir Galahad III. from One Hour, by Snob II., won this year's Kentucky Derby (one and a quarter mile) over the Churchill Downs track, Louisville, by six lengths from Pot o' Luck and Darby Dieppe.

The winner is owned by Mr. F. W. Hooper, and was ridden by the crack jockey, Eddie Arcaro, who was achieving his third Derby success.

Most important event in the American "Calendar," the race was the richest in the 71 years of its history, with a value of over £21,000, of which sum Hoop Junior received about £16,000.

More than 70,000 enthusiasts were present, including a very large contingent of Servicemen and women.

The track was in a terribly heavy condition—the worst for 16 years.

From an excellent start Hoop Junior assumed the lead after going a quarter of a mile and maintaining a strong pace proved a surprisingly easy winner from Pot o' Luck, who came from behind and stayed on gamely to secure second place.

Jeep, a grey son of Mahmoud out of Traffic, bred and owned by Mr. C. V. Whitney, who had been well backed during the last few days, finished fifth. Sixteen ran.

Hoop Junior covered the distance in 2min. 7sec.

Owing to the tremendously heavy support accorded Pot o' Luck, a rich bay by Chance Play out of Pothteen, owned and bred by Calumet Farm (Mr. Warren Wright), Hoop Junior did not start favourite.

Darby Dieppe, the third, is British-bred, being by Foray II. out of Lacroma.

Selecting Winners on Figures.

Best all-round measurements have worked out successfully in choice of horses, and before this year's Derby the well-known English writer, Merrick Good, approved of the even-tual winner, Dante.

He supports the theory that measurement behind the saddle counts more than in front.

A hare, for example, goes faster uphill than on the level, no doubt by reason of having longer hind than fore legs.

Maybe with a horse, greater length from hip to hock is calculated to give more leverage and greater length of stride when breasting a hill.

It is a fact that on the July Course there is more down than up hill work, so I am not entirely with those who think that the hip to hock measurements are more important than length of rein.

I have always had a preference for horses with the most heart room, as shown by a deep girth. Lung space is one of the most important points in a good racehorse, he writes.

If this is matched with sizeable bone of the best quality and great length from hip to hock, a horse has the primary assets to enable him to cover ground in quick time.

No hard-and-fast rule can be applied to these measurements, for often enough a medium-sized horse will bowl downhill with a better-regulated stride than a big one.

Action is an all-important factor, though often enough a 16-hands horse has a better-regulated gait than a mere pony.

Action is an all-important factor, One of the best-actioned horses I ever saw was Hyperion.

I am impressed with Dante's fine set of figures, and find that only the strapping Edenbridge, High Peak and Blue Water have bigger girths.

Fred Archer's Rival Dies.

Charles Wood, rival of Fred Archer and rider of three Derby winners, died at his home at Eastbourne, England, last month, at the age of 90. He had lived in retirement since shortly after the last Great War.

Until he was approaching 80, Wood enjoyed the best of health. Seven years ago he lost the sight of one eye and became partially blind in the other. This gradually became worse, and in recent months he was confined to the house, although he remained remarkably active in mind.

He and his wife, who survives him, celebrated last year the 69th anniversary of their wedding with a bottle of champagne at their lunch. On the occasion of their diamond wedding they received a telegram of congratulation from King George V.

They had five daughters and one son, James Wood, the Epsom trainer.

During his career as a jockey, Wood rode 1,750 winners, including the Derby, on three occasions.

Place Money Increased in England.

One of the most important recommendations made by the Racing Reorganisation Committee in England, insofar as the report affected owners, was that better prizes should be compulsory for the second and third horses.

When the stewards considered the report they agreed with the principle of giving more money to placed horses, but they did not approve of the methods suggested by the Committee, nor did they appear to hammer out the subject to any definite conclusion.

Perhaps the nearest they got to an agreement was the suggestion made by Lord Willoughby de Broke that, as a broad principle, the deduction for placed horses should be 20 per cent. and 10 per cent. all

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through, or one-third of the total stake. This figure was put up against the prevailing custom of giving 10 per cent. and 5 per cent., or one-seventh of the whole.

The stewards appear to have made no ruling as yet in the matter, but there is evidence that not only have they themselves increased place money considerably since the beginning of last season, but they have instructed or persuaded other executives to follow suit.

One for the Referee.

Apparently disagreement with the referee or the umpire is not confined to any country.

Recently, after a junior football match at Uxbridge, in England, Mr. E. J. Russell, the referee, was walking to the dressing-room when Richard Burch, of Westcotta Waye, Uxbridge, a spectator, approached him and knocked him down.

The blow fractured a small bone under the eye socket, and Mr. Russell will be permanently disfigured.

At Uxbridge Court, when he was fined £5, with £15 costs, or a month's imprisonment for the assault, Burch told the magistrates he was dissatisfied with Russell's handling of the game.

The Army Goes Racing.

Racing is one of the main amenities of the Army of Occupation in Germany.

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GORDON RICHARDS FAILS AGAIN.

Still to Win Epsom Derby.

England's champion jockey, Gordon Richards, has been riding for over 21 years, but the greatest race of all still has to come his way.

His Derby mount this year, Manuchehr, was a 20 to 1 chance, and played only a small part.

Always there is a streak of luck mingled with a spice of the dramatic associated with each celebration of the Derby.

Wholeheartedly Gordon Richards will be the first to admit this in the case of the only big race in which luck seems to have passed him by.

To those who know our champion so intimately it hardly appears 21 years since Gordon, then an apprentice attached to the late Martin Hartigan, at Ogbourne, had his first ride in the famous Epsom classic.

And it is a subject of free discussion that the popular little man is still waiting to record his first success in the season's premier race.

Harking back to his Derby debut, the thoroughbred in question, a 66-1 chance by the name of Skyflight, was owned by Mr. A. C. Saunders, and trained, I believe, by the late Sir Robert Wilmot, writes Walter Meeds in "The Sporting Life."

Forlorn Hopes.

Skyflight's sole success had been in a six furlongs handicap at Kempton Park under 7st. 10lb., and in receipt of 25lb. from that accomplished sprinter, Black Gown, beaten by the length of a good-sized cigar.

Gordon's second venture 12 months later was an even more remote outsider in Solitary, on offer at 200-1, the property of Mr. A. C. E. Howeson, and trained on the spot by William Nightingall, father of the reigning master of the South Hatch establishment.

Solitary had earned one winning bracket, a mile affair for maiden two-year-olds, in the colours of the late Mr. Frank Curzon, and sold on the death of this owner for 1,100gs.

Without a mount in 1926, Gordon might just as well have remained disengaged the following year for what chance he had on the maiden short runner, Chichester Cross, bred and owned by Mr. C. Howard, the Chichester butcher, brought into Turf fame by the deeds of Priory Park.

Felstead's Year.

Next followed Gordon's first fancied mount in the Beckhampton-trained Sunny Trace, who finished

tenth to Felstead, after he and Flamingo had set a terrific pace to Tattenham Corner.

Afterwards it was openly asserted that, ridden with more restraint, Sunny Trace would have been much nearer to the winner, but on reference to the form book the stark fact emerges that, though kept in training for four seasons, the only occasion the son of Abbots Trace—Sunny Moya managed to win over a mile and a half was in an apprentice race at Kempton Park.

A sequence of moderate mounts followed, notably Grand Prince (tailed off in Trigo's year), Grand Salute (well behind Blenheim), and Coldstream (not in the first 16 of 25 to Cameronian), all the property of the late Lord Glanely, who at that period held first claim on Richards' services.

Subsequently Gordon transferred his services to Beckhampton and Fred Darling, an association which still endures, but he couldn't be expected to "come without the horse" on such proved non-stayers as Cockpen (last but two to April the Fifth) and Manitoba, who had "shot his bolt" at six furlongs, and finally finished tailed off to Hyperion.

Second on Easton.

From 1934 Gordon's experiences bore a brighter hue. On that smart colt Easton he beat all except Windsor Lad. A year later he was on Hairan, the Aga Khan's second string to Bahram, and then occupied the position of runner-up again on Taj Akbar to the lesser fancied stable-companion Mahmoud.

After another hopeless ride on Pascal Gordon's skill "manoeuvred" the disappointing Pasch into third position to Bois Roussel and Scottish Union without ever once possessing the remotest prospects of victory.

His more recent endeavours can be readily recalled—a second on Fox Cub (1939), narrowly missed placed honours on Tant Mieux (1940), out of the saddle owing to a broken leg in 1941, unplaced on the non-stayer, Big Game, in 1942, third on the erratic Nasrullah, and the eclipse of Mustang at the end of a mile last June.

Perusal of the above exasperating record leaves the impression that Gordon doesn't seem fated to pilot a Derby winner.

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DANTE'S DERBY

Some Salient Points

Details now are to hand concerning Dante's Derby win, and its costliness to the ring.

Unfortunately, this grand colt did not train on, and was deprived of an opportunity of adding the St. Leger to his record.

Dante's triumph for the North in the Derby gave bookmakers the biggest shock they have had for a long time. It was the heaviest betting race for years, and many fortunes were won by successful backers.

"We could not have had a worse result," said one of the biggest layers. "Not only have we lost heavily on the single bets on Dante, but he was coupled with the Oaks winner, Sun Stream, in innumerable doubles. Midas and Court Martial were also very bad for places."

The race was watched by the King and Queen and a crowd which was a record for Newmarket racecourse. It was the first time a horse trained in the North of England had been successful since Pretender won for a Yorkshire stable 76 years ago.

Fast Time.

Dante won like an outstanding champion amid a storm of cheering. His time was only 4.5 of a second outside the record for the course, set up by Persian Gulf in the Coronation Cup last year. He beat Sun Stream's Oaks time by over three seconds.

There was no excuse for any of the beaten horses, except that Joe Lawson, the trainer of Court Martial, considered his horse would have been second but for a bump received from Midas in the last few strides.

Sun Storm was just as excited as in the Two Thousand Guineas. "He went mad," said Carey, "and took too much out of himself before the start."

When he was being led from the parade ring he reared up with his head and knocked the spectacles from his attendant's face.

The King went into the unsaddling enclosure to congratulate Sir Eric Ohlson and Matt Peacock.

Sir Eric Ohlson told a reporter:

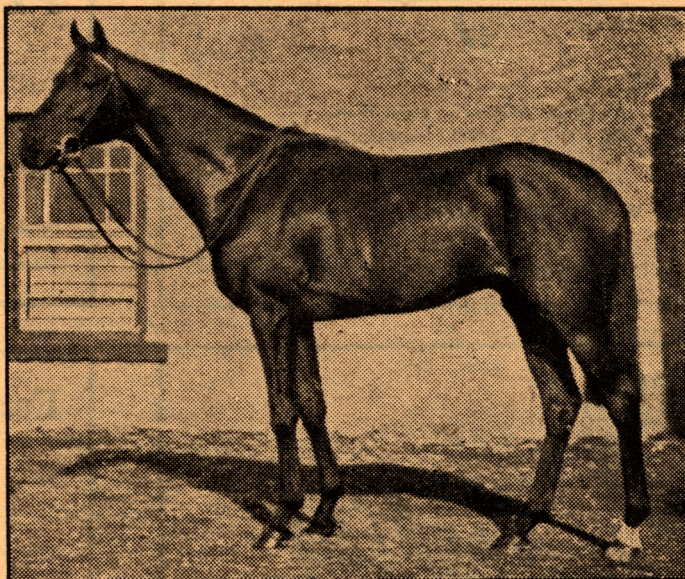
"I have always maintained my horse was the best in England. Many people would not believe me when I said that his defeat in the Two Thousand Guineas—the only time he had been beaten—was due entirely to his eye injury. Well, you know now that it was true.

"I really never had any doubt once his eye had got better, but it has been a worrying time."

His jockey, W. Nevett, was naturally jubilant.

He has been the subject of sensational discussion ever since he came out for his first race as a two-year-old at Stockton, and beat a big field in a canter.

He might have been bought by a bookmaker, who is one of the biggest losers over his Derby success, after he had shown his worth in the North, but Sir Eric Ohlson had then realised that he was a champion in the making, and negotiations fell through.



DANTE, Winner of the Derby, run at Newmarket, 9th June, 1945.

"He ran a grand race," he said, "as I knew he would. You saw the real Dante to-day."

"Dante has confounded all his critics," said Matt Peacock. "Many people said a Northern horse could never win a Derby. Well, they have their answer."

An Unwanted Yearling.

Dante's career is one of the romances of the Turf. Now worth £100,000, no one would buy him when he was sent to Newmarket for sale as a yearling with a reserve of 4,000 guineas on him. Subsequently he was publicly advertised for sale without a purchaser at the price wanted coming along.

Sent to Newmarket to run in the Coventry Stakes and the Middle Park Stakes, he trounced the pick of the local and Southern two-year-olds. Winter favourite for the Derby, he was considered a certainty for the first of the classic races, the Two Thousand Guineas, but was narrowly beaten by Court Martial. That is the only race in which he has been beaten.

Sir Eric Ohlson is a shipping magnate in Hull, and is in his early thirties. He bought the mare Rosy Legend when she was carrying Dante for 3,500 guineas at the sale of the late Lord Furness' stud. Dante is the first horse he has bred.

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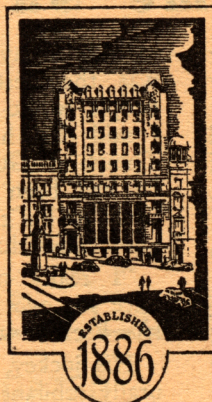
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CANDIDLY SPEAKING

Critic on English Hearth.

Improvement of conditions for race-goers in England continue to be urged by leading writers in the sporting press.

The following by Warren Hill in "Sporting Life" could apply probably to any part of the racing world.

As we look at conditions around us, and see how relatively far from normal our lives still are, we should be doubly thankful for each successive step towards normality taken by those who guide and control our racing.

There is, indeed, much for which to be thankful. The thoroughbred industry is fortunate that recovery is taking place so quickly, but one hopes that, having got started again, executives will not be content to resume just where they left off.

Now is the time to plan improvements for the future, even if lack of labour, materials, etc., prevent such improvements being immediately carried out.

So much money will need to be spent in getting racecourses reconditioned that we cannot rightly expect much increase in prize money at first. But better prize money brings its own reward, as those courses which are lucky enough to get going early will do well to remember.

Boom Days.

At present there is plenty of money in free circulation, especially in the industrial North, and later on, when there is more competition than at present for the investment of this money, attendances at race meetings will tend to decrease.

As long as the boom lasts racecourses may get away with neglect of the needs of the race-going public; they will still get the crowds, no matter how uncomfortable the stands and indifferent the catering arrangements, but as soon as there arise other outlets for spending money, such a policy will reap a poor harvest, and it may then be too late to start trying to attract new supporters to racing.

If people see that racing can be enjoyed in reasonable comfort, many more of them will continue to come and give their support when the boom period is over.

Apart from improvements and additions to such things as restaurants and snack bars, stands, enclosures and cloak-rooms, all courses should ensure a sufficiency of tote "selling" windows.

Tote Benefits.

If the totalisator is to pay, and from its profits we are still hoping

to reap some reward for the good of racing, it must be made easy for the public to register their bets, which is very far from being the case at the big meetings at present.

The war has taught us a loathing of queues, and nothing is more irritating than seeing the shutter close when one is just approaching the window after a seemingly interminable wait!

Not till all totalisator profits go back into racing, instead of into the pockets of outside shareholders, shall we get proper value from the machine. Energetic steps must be taken to pay off its erection costs and all shareholders.

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Sydney Turf Club Saturday, 1st
Tattersall's Club **Saturday, 8th**
 Rosehill Saturday, 15th
 Hawkesbury Saturday, 22nd
 A.J.C. Saturday, 29th

OCTOBER.

A.J.C. Saturday, 6th
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 City Tattersall's Saturday, 20th
 Rosebery Saturday, 27th

NOVEMBER.

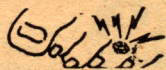
Rosehill Saturday, 3rd
 Sydney Turf Club Saturday, 10th
 A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Sat., 17th
 A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Sat., 24th

DECEMBER.

Sydney Turf Club Saturday, 1st
 Sydney Turf Club Saturday, 8th
 Sydney Turf Club Saturday, 15th
 A.J.C. Saturday, 22nd
 A.J.C. Wednesday, 26th
Tattersall's Club **Saturday, 29th**
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with the remark, "and if there's any bumping or boring, I'll disqualify the — pair of you!" writes "Straight Left."

Portuguese authorities have gone a whole lot better. They were not satisfied with a recent show at Lisbon, and nearly everyone connected with the show, boxers, referee, and officials, has been summarily dealt with.

Leading pair were Beni Levi, the Portuguese middle-weight champion, and Juanito Martin. Levi has had his title withdrawn in addition to a fine of £10, for "taking part in nothing but a farce," while Martin is forbidden ever to enter a Portuguese ring again for "the irregular and active manner in which he fought."

Another Portuguese, Augusto de Sousa, was, according to Reuter, suspended for sixty days for "the apathetic and indifferent way" in which he fought the Spaniard Eduardo Lopez, who for his part was prohibited from fighting in Portugal for a year.

Another pair were warned that their performance "left grave

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doubts about their sincerity," but were let off with a caution owing to their youth and inexperience.

One of the referees was suspended for 90 days for having given ring-side support to his own brother "in a tournament in which he was to judge later," while another was suspended for 60 days for carelessness in making out his report.

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Her maiden name was Mary Haydock, the daughter of one James Haydock, exciseman of Lancashire, England, and although there are conflicting reports on early incidents connected with her life, it has been established definitely, by documentary evidence, that she was the Mary Haydock who, a girl of only 14 years, was convicted at the Stafford Assizes in 1791 as "James Burrow" and sentenced to transportation to Botany Bay for 7 years for the "crime" of taking an unauthorised ride on a neighbour's pony—in boy's clothes!

Justice in those earlier days was stern and uncompromising indeed!

Mary Haydock came to Australia in the year 1792 in the East Indiaman "Royal Admiral" with a cargo of 299 men and 49 women convicts. They arrived at Sydney Cove on October 7th, 1792.

Mary Haydock, however, was luckier than most of her unfortunate female companions for she attracted the attention of a ship's officer, a young man named Thomas Raby or Reiby.

The East India Company permitted its officers to do some private trading if they so chose, and Thomas Reiby had bought a quantity of goods for which he found a ready sale in Sydney at a very handsome profit. This business deal, combined no doubt with sincere affection for Mary Haydock, decided him to leave the sea and settle in Sydney. Two years later the couple were married by the Reverend Richard Johnston in the "wattle and daub" church which used to stand on the corner of Hunter and Castlereagh Streets.

Married life started for Thomas and Mary Reiby with a small farm on the Hawkesbury, but the work was congenial to neither of

them, so they returned to Sydney where Thomas opened a store in the Rocks area, then a residential quarter and with a different aspect to that of today. Mary looked after the store whilst her husband applied himself chiefly to selling timber and running a coastal trade with two sloops.

By 1808 the Reibys had prospered so far that they were able to leave the less pretentious Rocks area and build a fine house in what was soon to become Macquarie Place. The house stood for many years and its site is still bounded by Reiby Lane or Place as it is usually called.

The Reibys expanded their business which developed into a general store with a wine and spirit trade in addition. Thomas Reiby continued his sea-trade while his wife ably conducted affairs at the store.

In the year 1807 the prices obtained for merchandise are interesting to read: Tea 6/-d. per oz., butter 6/-d. per lb., tobacco 24/-d. per oz., coarse white calico 5/-d. per yard, men's hats 3 guineas, sugar 4/-d. per lb., soap 3/- per lb., men's boots £2 to £3 per pair.

Mrs. Reiby was well thought of by the Governors of the day who admired her evident aptitude for successful trading and she was thus accorded the favour and privilege of Vice-Regal patronage—a great asset to a storekeeper in those early days.

A great misfortune came upon this dauntless woman and her family of seven children in 1811 for Thomas Reiby died from the effects of sunstroke contracted during a visit to India on business.

The Sydney Gazette of Saturday, April 6th, 1811 states—

"On Friday evening died at his house in Macquarie Place, Mr. Thomas Reiby, after a severe indisposition of several months, the origin of which he attributed to a coup de soleil when in India, from whence he returned to this colony in October last. He was an affectionate husband, an indulgent parent, and leaves a widow and large family to regret his loss."

After her husband's death Mrs. Reiby continued to trade and by business acumen expanded her interests to such a considerable

extent that she found herself a very wealthy woman. She was one of the first storekeepers to trade direct with English manufacturers and believed that every business should be licensed and regulations established to prevent inflated and unjust prices being charged for food and clothing.

It is on record that Mary Reiby was consulted by the authorities, not only on trading matters, but also on the advantages of early colonial manufactures.

By 1816 she owned, besides the inn and the house in which she lived, a third house on the shores of Darling Harbour, seven farms on the Hawkesbury and a grant of good farmland at Airds, near Appin, and was said to be worth £20,000.

In 1820 she took a trip to England, but on her return to the Colony did not altogether rest on her laurels for in 1834 she built a fine row of three-storey houses in George Street.

In the 1840's Mrs. Reiby removed to Newtown, probably to the house off Enmore Road, called "Pencilville," afterwards called "Reiby House." Newtown then was a sylvan spot, "a place of spacious homes and open country!"

She died at Newtown on May 30th, 1855.

Her children all married well, becoming prominent citizens not only in New South Wales, but in other States including Tasmania.

Mary Reiby was a remarkable personality and the first notable woman trader in Australia, accepted as their equal, not only by rival male traders, but by officials and Governors; she was an outstanding pioneer and quite apart from her romantic history, merits our thanks and remembrance for her fine efforts in those early and somewhat undisciplined days to create and maintain fair business dealing.

The many buildings which this remarkable woman caused to be erected here have since disappeared, but she is remembered and her name is perpetuated in that narrow thoroughfare, at one time the northern border of her Sydney Estate—Reiby Place—a name that will be forever linked with the stirring dramas of early struggle, of faith and hope rewarded, and of Australia's triumphant progress towards its present-day development.

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